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REMARKS

The Advisory Action mailed on March 29, 2006, has been received and reviewed in light of the Final Action mailed January 5, 2006. Claims 11-18 and 31-38 are currently pending in the application. The amendments to Claim 31 proposed in response to the Final Action were <u>not</u> entered by the Examiner. Claims 11-18 and 31-38 are amended herein.

Applicants are filing this Amendment with an RCE and the requisite fees. Applicants are also filing an Information Disclosure Statement with the RCE to correct the inadvertent citation of the wrong patent number for the Roe et al. reference previously cited to the Office in an IDS. The Roe et al. reference is U.S. Patent 5,302,238, not U.S. Patent 5,302,138 as previously cited.

The Examiner's comments in the Advisory Action were considered. The amendments to the claims proposed herein overcome the anticipation rejection without the addition of new matter. In particular, the amendments to claims 11 and 31 clarify that the array of emitter tips overlies the recited conductive layer. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 102 anticipation rejection in light of the amendments herein.

ENTRY OF AMENDMENTS

The amendments to Claims 11-18 and 31-38 should be entered by the Examiner because the amendments are supported by the specification and drawings and do not add any new matter to the application.

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CONCLUSION

Claims 11-18 and 31-38 are believed to be in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner determine that additional issues remain which might be resolved by a telephone conference, he is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney.

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